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## JAPAN WARNED BY U.S.A.

Concern at Anti-Bandit Activities.

KEEP THE PEACE.

Washington, Thursday. The American Ambassador at Tokyo has been instructed to express the concern with which the Government of the United States views the reports of movements contemplated at Chinchow. He has also been instructed to draw the attention of the Japanese Government to reports from military observers of several nations, including the United States Military Attache, that there is no evidence that China is preparing an offensive movement.

It is understood that France is making similar representations, and it is believed Britain will do likewise.

Mr. Hugh Gibson has been appointed to the American Delegation to the Disarmament Conference.

Fresh representations have been made to Japan to prevent renewed hostilities, according to an announcement made by the State Department. — Reuter's American Service.

## SHIPPING FREIGHTS.

For some weeks now, and especially of late, shipping circles in the Far East, excluding Japanese, have been decidedly animated and shown a degree of activity that is most promising. Of course, Hong Kong has participated in this activity to an appreciable extent, and a very fair turn-over in the chartering line has been done.

This fillip to shipping, other than Japanese, is attributed to China's boycott of Japan.

Shanghai wharves and godowns are said to be congested with freights and, while bottoms are available, they cannot be loaded and turned round quick enough to make an appreciable impression on the mountain of freights waiting to be moved.

At the same time, inward bottoms cannot get rid of their cargoes quick enough to please merchants.

How long this happy state of affairs is likely to last is, of course, problematical; but there is yet no sign of the demand for freights and more freights diminishing.

It is understood that many steamers, which have been riding idly at anchor in various ports, are being re-commissioned and coming Eastward as fast as possible.

## ROYAL FAMILY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Prince of Wales, Duke and Duchess of York, and Prince George are travelling to Sandringham to-day to join the King and Queen over Christmas. Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose are already with their Majesties.

The Court is not expected back in London until February. — British Wireless Service.

## CHRISTMAS MORNING ACCIDENT

Mr. H. A. Taylor, Government Monopoly Analyst, and his wife, of 550, The Peak, were involved in a nasty motor smash which occurred in the early hours of yesterday morning.

According to a report lodged at the Police Station, Mr. Taylor said that at 1.30 o'clock he was driving his motor-cycle combination, with his wife in the side-car, down Stubbs Road, when, on

## 'XMAS TRAGEDY

### HAPPY SHOPPERS ENTOMBED.

### WALL COLLAPSE

### 5 KILLED—3 INJURED—2 MISSING.

Port Elizabeth, Thursday. A Christmas shopping tragedy occurred here to-day, when the walls of a building, which was being demolished, collapsed and buried a shop in which, besides six saleswomen, there were customers.

So far five are reported dead, two missing, and three seriously injured. — Reuter.

### PONY RACING.

### Macao Meeting Popular Fixture on Sunday.

### PONIES TO WATCH.

[By "Wombat."] Visitors to the 4th Extra Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club will be treated to some exciting sport as a record entry of ponies have been received for this meeting which promises to be the best of the present season.

Over 30 ponies left by steamer this morning to participate in to-morrow's meeting, and these combined with the old ponies already there will be having their first run. Some very big fields are sure to be in evidence which will tend to make up for previous meetings where runners were conspicuous by their absence.

In the opening event we have some very fine ponies which include such fine performers as Daylight Eve, Ataman, Lobster Bay, Paul Pry and Orlando, all of which are nicely forward in condition and I consider that the winner will come from one of those mentioned.

Imperial Hall on his best season's form is not badly in with 160 lb. in the Nanking Handicap. He has done well in his preparation for this event and I am sure he should give a good account of himself.

Mr. G. H. Potts has both Arminians and Genghis Khan engaged in the Wuhu Plate. They are both fairly good ponies.

1st Race:—

Daylight Eve.

Ataman.

Lobster Bay.

2nd Race:—

Imperial Hall.

The Gomeril.

Cloudy Eve.

3rd Race:—

Golden Glory.

Bonzo.

Violin.

4th Race:—

Blue Heaven.

The Quail.

Tango.

5th Race:—

Bay of Bellingham II.

Glorious Star.

Sunning.

6th Race:—

New King.

Celerity.

Sunny Day.

## PLOT TO START A WAR.

### Between Soviet and Japan.

#### MOSCOW STORY.

Moscow, Yesterday. A sensation has been caused by the report published by the official Tass Agency of the recall, at the instance of the Soviet, of a member of a foreign mission at Moscow who, it is alleged, tried to persuade a Soviet official to stage an attack on the Japanese Ambassador, when he was passing through, with the object of causing a Soviet-Japanese war. — Reuter.

## JUVENILE COURTS FOR COLONY.

### Legislation for Their Establishment.

#### NO J. P.'S—YET.

In the Government Gazette is published the draft of a Bill to make provision for proceedings in reference to juvenile offenders. The objects and reasons state:—

1. This Ordinance represents generally the Bill drafted by the Committee appointed to report on measures required for the institution of Juvenile Courts in Hong Kong. The provisions recommended by the Committee, in the matter of associating Justices of the Peace with the Magistrates for the trial of juvenile offenders have been omitted from section 3, as it was felt by the Government after careful enquiry that the time is not ripe for prescribing such association and in particular that the Colony is not yet ready for the appointment of women Justices of the Peace. Section 19 (4) has also been enlarged to make provision for the detention of remanded or convicted persons only in places suited to receive them.

2. The Ordinance is based partly on the relevant provisions of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1907, the Children Act, 1908, the Juvenile Courts (Metropolis) Act, 1902, and the Criminal Justice Act, 1925, and partly on a model Bill which has been recommended by a similar Committee in England.

#### PASSPORT FEES.

The scale of fees charged by the Passport Office, as from January 1, inclusive, will be as follows:—

Issue of Passport ..... \$10.00

and similar documents each 4.00

Renewal of passport, for each year of renewal ..... 2.00

Endorsement of passport, otherwise than at the time of issue or renewal ..... 4.00

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Entry visa, normal fee ..... 8.00

In the case of visas granted to nationals of those countries which charge British subjects visa fees in excess of those quoted above, reciprocal charges will be enforced converted, until further notice, at the following fixed rates of exchange:—

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H.K. \$4.00—U.S. \$1.

H.K. \$0.80—1 franc (gold).

Particulars concerning the fees charged in any particular case may be obtained on application at the Passport Office, Colonial Secretary's Department.

#### "RED SHIRTS" LEADER ARRESTED.

New Delhi, Yesterday. Abdul Gaffur Khan, leader of the "Red Shirts," who has been stirring up trouble on the North-West Frontier, has been arrested. — Reuter.

## LEOPARD SHOT

### IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

## MAN MAULED

### A SEVEN-FOOT BRUTE.

News has just reached the Colony, that a leopard, measuring seven feet from head to tail, was shot in the New Territories last Sunday afternoon, by villagers, north of Chung Pui Village, in the Sha Tau Kok district. The villagers were from U Kau Tin.

Before being killed, the leopard mauled a man, named Wong Fung-yau, aged 24 years, a carpenter of That Muk Kui. Slight injuries were inflicted to the left side of his head and face, but he declined to go to hospital for treatment.

## FIRE SERVICES.

### Permit from Water Authority.

#### SCALE OF FEES.

The Waterworks Regulations have been further amended by the addition of the following regulations:—

43. Fire services may be permitted by the Water Authority when in his opinion or in the opinion of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade the same are necessary or expedient to enable water from the waterworks to be used by the owner or occupier of any building or structure for the purpose of combatting fire.

44. Every permit for a service granted by the Water Authority shall be subject to such conditions, stipulations and reservations as he may see fit to make or impose.

45. No fire service permit shall include or imply any undertaking, warranty or obligation on the part of the Government or any department or officer thereof that water will at all times or when required be available by or through the fire service, or against failure or breakdown or defects or interruptions.

46. The following fees shall be paid into the Treasury for the use and/or retention of fire services on and after January 1, 1932:—

service ..... per annum.

6" ..... \$110

4" ..... 75

3" ..... 50

2" ..... 35

#### TAXED FOR BEING OUT AFTER 9 P.M.

"Making Whoopee" will, from now on, be an expensive business in Bratislava.

The town council have decided to impose a special tax on anybody found out after curfew, which is nine o'clock in the Winter and ten o'clock in the Summer.

Fifteen per cent. of the proceeds will cover the expenses incurred in the collection of the tax, and the remaining 85 per cent. will go to a fund in aid of the unemployed during the Winter.

Bratislava is the capital of the Province of Slovakia.

#### OCCASIONAL RAIN!

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this morning states:—

The anti-cyclone has moved eastward into the Yellow Sea.

The depression has passed into the Pacific to the east of Tokyo.

Forecast:—N. E. winds, fresh; generally overcast; occasional rain.

## CHRISTMAS EVE AT HOME.

### Tons and Tons of Parcels.

#### CROWDED STREETS.

Rugby, Yesterday. On the eve of the Christmas holiday, the streets are crowded with shoppers and railway and long-distance motor-coach stations thronged with travellers. In connection with special services hundreds of additional trains are being run. The post office and railways are dealing with a large parcels traffic—the London terminus of one company has been handling five hundred tons daily, and six of the depots claim to have passed forty thousand tons of Christmas traffic.

Celebrations at London hotels included fancy dress dances, cabarets and concerts. No newspaper will appear on Christmas Day or Saturday, which the Rev. C. B. Shann preached. The Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. Walton Rogers), and the full Choir rendered the anthem "How Lovely are Thy Messengers." The collections were for the Church of England's Homes for Waifs and Strays. St. Peter's Church.

Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.15 and 8.15, followed by Morning Prayer, at which the Rev. E. G. Powell.

Union Church (Kowloon).

Christmas Service was held at 11. The preacher was the Rev. Frank Short. The Anthem, "There Were Shepherds," was rendered by the Choir.

The Sunday School scholars brought gifts of toys which will be distributed to the hospitals.

The collection taken was in aid of Sunday School Funds. Catholie Cathedral.

Yesterday, services were held as follows:

Morning:—Low Masses at 8; 9.30 and 10.30; High Mass at 8, accompanied by the Seminary Choir.

A special Mass was celebrated at Victoria Gaol by the Catholie Chaplain.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN HONG KONG

### LARGE CONGREGATIONS

Afternoon:—At 3.30, Solemn Vespers and Benediction.

Wesleyan Church (Wanchai). Special Christmas Service was held at 10.15 at which the Preacher was the Rev. Erris C. H. Tribbeck. His subject was "Wondering and Pondering."

St. Joseph's Church.

Low Masses were given at 7.10, 7.35, 8 and 9 a.m. High Mass at 10 a.m., followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The music at High Mass—was "Massa Eucharistis" (D. L. Feroci), and "Adeste Fideles" (Novello).

At the Benediction—"Cibavit Eos" (G. Ramella); "Tantum Ergo" (Dubois); and "Laudate Dominum" (Pozzoli) was sung.

Midnight Mass was held at the Rosary Church, and every half-hour from 6.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m., yesterday.

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# The WOMAN'S Page



## KEEP THE CUTTINGS: THEY MAY BE USEFUL.

### For The Fashionable Appliques.

Our grandmothers kept what they called a rag-bag. Modern woman has its counterpart in the collection of cuttings which she puts aside for the fashioning of appliques for various ornamental purposes.

When making frocks of gingham or zephyr, be sure to keep the cuttings, no matter what size or shape they may happen to be. With them you may be able to work out some delightful border schemes for linen curtains. Transfer patterns will enable you to cut out the birds and beasts, flowers and fishes, ships and sailing-boats that enter into your designs, so that you may form perfect appliques for the hangings, bedspreads, cushion covers and d'oyleys that you wish to embellish.

Cuttings of velvet also are worth keeping with a view to working them in as appliques. Arranged in the form suitable for the decoration of a little evening coat, the various pieces can be overcast lightly in gold thread or silks. A running pattern of leaves and buds outlining the cape-collar of the newest coat is quickly done, and will prove distinctive and effective.

Some of the newest berets are a mass of jazzy appliques in multi-coloured silks, such as any home dressmaker might have left over from her frocks and jumpers. It only means a little forethought in keeping suitable scraps neatly lodged in their own drawer or cardboard box.

### A FASHION COLLEGE.

Not even creative Paris, where queen fashion has her domicile in thousands of millineries and rules an army of dutiful servants, possesses an educational institute for its "petites midinettes" such as Berlin is proud of having opened as first city in the world.

It is the "Fashion College," an institute in the collegiate manner. The students there receive practical and theoretical instruction and are introduced to many other subjects directly or indirectly connected with fashion.

The latest Paris styles, the many extravagances and varieties of



dress-makers but individual advisers of their feminine clients as well.

After six months the students are required to pass a four day examination qualifying them as "doctors of fashion."

The news of the opening of a fashion college has resulted in a run on the institute from all parts of Europe. Textile factories have requested it to supply them with collections of their latest designs and colours of cloth.

### BLACK AND WHITE POPULAR.

[By Mary Knight, United Press Staff Correspondent. The Mediterranean hasn't a monopoly on sunshine. Plenty of it sifts through the trees along the grand boulevards of Paris and casts leafy shadows on the summer frocks it brings into bloom as each ray grows a little warmer.

Somewhere in these rays there seems to be a great magnet for drawing out black and white ensembles—the ones at present are mostly white with black touches in the hat, gloves, purse and shoes.

I have in mind an outfit from Chantal. The dress is a street dress suitable for any time of day, or for Bridge party in the morning or afternoon. It is of white crepe silk, with a series of tucks over the hips that slant and

cluster in front at the waist where they look as though they were tied together in a bow of the crepe.

The same idea is carried out of the blouse where they slant upward toward the V of the neck line and another little bow marks the place where they all arrive at the same time. The wrists follow suit with the bows on the outside.

The medium brimmed hat is of black bakou trimmed with a black and white satin ribbon bandeau two-faced ribbon—and is by Camille Roger. The purse, shoes, and gloves are all in black antelope. The purse has an exquisitely carved white jade fastening, and there is a white jade close-fitting necklace as the only item of jewellery needed or desired.

### "INDIVIDUALITY" NECKLACES.

"Individuality" necklaces are characteristic of modern woman's dress this season. Mme. Irigoyen, a wealthy South American visitor to London, has achieved success in this direction. She wears a new attractive necklace to match her brown suit.

This necklace is composed of a string of real nutmegs in different shades of brown, with small dried peacock feathers between the nutmegs. This offers suggestions to vegetarians,

who would find it useful to carry their lunches round their necks.

But the nutmegs, like a lucky amulet, have a definite purpose. They are said to ward off colds and chills from the wearer. Necklace designers are doing their best to help women in their search for the individual necklace. Some have been inspired by Eastern Africa.



and are of curious heavy ivory and gold discs, while others are of striped beads like old-fashioned marbles. The necklace composed of silver-edged discs is, perhaps, one of the most attractive. Each disc has a mirror in which the wearer can find the reflection of her own face.

## EXPERIMENTS IN DECORATION.

### Parti-Coloured Walls And Odd Curtains.

It is the latest freak in furnishing fashions deliberately to design a room with parti-coloured walls and woodwork, and, in many instances, the effect is good. For example, there is much to be said for a room in which glossy paint in a soft shade of apricot has been applied to the ceiling and to the walls opposite to and surrounding the window, while the woodwork and the other two walls are painted a deep coffee tint. Curtains and covers are made of one of the new woollen furnishing materials in a mixture of apricot and coffee shades, and this very successfully links up walls and furniture.

Woollens, by the way, are the last word in up-to-date coverings for couches and easy chairs, and even tweeds are used for this purpose. The idea is a practical one from the point of view of wear, but tweeds are happier in country-house lounges than in town-house living rooms. Smoother woollen materials, however, may look very well in the latter case.

Odd window curtains are also to the fore, especially for the room which boasts more than one window. Even at the same window two odd curtains may appear—one, say, in rainbow stripes, the other in plain self-coloured taffeta. Or the pair may be in different shades of the same colour—one, perhaps, in mauve, the other in royal purple. In the double-windored room, one pair of curtains may be green while the other is French grey. The innovation provides great scope for novel and exhilarating experiments.

### NEW CROCKERY.

With a thought for the habit of drinking first thing in the morning and last thing at night, a vacuum jug has been made in restful colours in a substance that is shiny, but is not glass nor china. It is composition. Besides the thermo



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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

### HENRI COCHET BEST HOLIDAY FOOTBALL SURPRISES.

Tilden's Tribute to the French Champion.

#### AMERICAN RANKING.

"Henri Cochet is the strongest and most consistent lawn tennis player in the world, and he will remain so for many years to come."

This is the view of Tilden, in an interview in which he caused surprise in his ranking of American players.

He places Ellsworth Vines, the 19-year-old American champion, only third to Johnny Coe and Frank Shields.

Sidney Woods is placed fourth, Clifford Sutter fifth, and Gregory Mangin sixth.

#### GOLF.

#### Starting Times for To-Morrow.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanning to-day:-

9.28 a.m. Mrs. Sherry, H. M. Muir.  
9.36 " G. V. T. Marshall, J. D. Danby.  
9.46-9.50 a.m. Not to be booked by players travelling by 8.28 a.m. train.  
9.25 a.m. A. E. Lissaman, W. R. Vallance.  
9.28 " L. G. S. Dodwell, A. Sommerville.  
9.32 " R. K. Hepburn, A. Reid.  
9.36 " J. P. Sherry, G. W. Sewell.  
9.40 " H. Hampton, A. W. Muir.  
9.44 " A. C. I. Bowker, D. G. Bruce.  
9.48 " N. K. Littlejohn, A. R. Cox.  
9.52 " K. S. Robertson, C. Mycock.  
9.56 " R. Young, D. Forbes.  
10.00 " A. B. Purves, E. des Voeux.  
10.04 " V. R. Gordon, A. Ritchie.  
10.08 " W. A. Weight, J. S. Dykes.  
10.12 " L. G. Allison, G. E. R. Divett.  
10.16 " J. W. Alabaster, A. O. Brawn.  
10.20 " N. S. Ellis, R. O. Cherrill.  
10.24 " E. M. Bryden, D. S. Robb.  
10.28 " G. T. May, A. J. R. Wolff.  
10.32 " J. E. Richardson, E. D. Matthews.  
10.36 " J. P. Hollingdale, R. R. Davies.  
10.40 " H. H. Williams, H. C. Gould.  
10.44 " H. C. Shrubsole, J. Coulthart.  
10.48 " L. R. Andrewes, F. A. Merry.  
10.52 " H. C. Watson, J. R. Masson.  
10.56 " W. C. Shields, I. H. Geare.  
11.00 " D. J. Fraser, S. R. Waller.  
11.04 " J. R. Hinton, R. C. Law.  
11.08 " T. Low, T. R. Chassell.  
11.12 " F. A. Redmond, A. D. Humphreys.  
11.16 " P. S. Grant, J. B. Lanyon.  
11.20 " C. J. D. Law, S. J. H. Fox.  
11.24 " W. D. Denham, G. B. McKerrin.

These players (the first four on the Old Course after the arrival of 8.28 a.m. train) should get their clubs and go to the first tee where caddies will be waiting for them. They will get their discs from the Superintendent.

#### H.K.C.C. JUNIORS AGAINST R.A.S.C.

The following will represent the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI against the R.A.S.C. on the latter's ground at 2 p.m. this afternoon.

C. E. Gehagan (Captain), R. R. Davies, J. R. Way, L. D. Kilbey, L. A. Whippy, P. W. J. Planner, J. R. Ratten, J. M. Sunley, A. Harbord, L. B. Smith, A. N. Other.

#### TALL SCORING.

#### Aston Villa's Smashing Victory.

#### TRANMERE SCORE NINE.

Downfall Of Everton Arsenal And Wednesday.

London, Yesterday.

First Division.

Aston Villa 7 Middlesb' 0

Blackburn 5 Everton 3

Blackpool 2 Chelsea 4

Bolton W. 1 Leicester C. 1

Grimsby T. 2 West Ham 1

Liverpool 3 Wednesday 1

Newcastle U. 2 Huddersfield 1

Sheffield U. 4 Arsenal 1

West Brom. 0 Birmingham 1

Second Division.

Bradford 3 Leeds Un. 0

Burnley 2 Preston N.E. 2

Chesterfield 1 Southampton 0

Manchester U. 3 Wolves 2

Millwall 2 Barnsley 0

Notts City. 4 Port Vale 2

Stoke City 2 Notts Forest 0

Swansea 0 Bradford C. 1

Tottenham 0 Charlton 1

Bristol C. 1 Oldham 1

Third Division (South).

Brentford 0 Fulham 0

Clapton O. 1 Bournemouth 2

Coventry C. 5 Reading 1

Crystal Pal. 0 Swindon T. 0

Gillingham 3 Northampton 2

Luton Town 2 Cardiff City 1

Mansfield T. 3 Brighton 1

Southend U. 0 Exeter City 1

Thames 0 Bristol R. 2

Torquay U. 2 Queen's P.R. 1

Watford 1 Norwich C. 1

Third Division (North).

Accrington 0 Wrexham 0

Chester 2 Lincoln C. 1

Crewe A. 5 Rotherham 0

Doncaster 1 York City 0

Hull C. 3 Hartlepools U. 1

Southport 5 Walsall 0

Stockport 0 Carlisle 1

Tranmere 9 Rochdale 1

Barrow 3 Darlington 1

Halifax 1 Gateshead 2

#### TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

#### ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

Arsenal v. Sheffield Utd.

Birmingham v. West Brom.

Chelsea v. Blackpool.

Derby C. v. Sunderland.

Everton v. Blackburn R.

Huddersfield v. Newcastle U.

Leeds U. v. Bolton W.

Middlesb' v. Aston Villa.

Portsmouth v. M'chester C.

Wednesday v. Liverpool.

West Ham v. Grimsby T.

Second Division.

Barnsley v. Millwall.

Bradford C. v. Swansea Town.

Charlton A. v. Tottenham.

Leeds U. v. Bradford.

Notts Forest v. Stoke City.

Oldham A. v. Bristol City.

Plymouth A. v. Bury.

Port Vale v. Notts County.

Preston N.E. v. Burnley.

Southampton v. Chesterfield.

Wolves v. Manchester U.

Third Division (South).

Bournemouth v. Clapton O.

Brighton v. Mansfield T.

Bristol R. v. Thames.

Cardiff C. v. Luton T.

Exeter C. v. Southend U.

Fulham v. Blythford.

Northampton v. Gillingham.

Norwich C. v. Watford.

Queen's P.R. v. Torquay U.

Reading v. Coventry C.

Swindon T. v. Crystal Pal.

Third Division (North).

Carlisle U. v. Stockport C.

Hallifax T. v. Gateshead.

Lincoln City v. Hull City.

N. Brighton v. Chester.

Rochdale v. Darlington.

St. Rotherham v. Crewe A.

Walsall v. Southport.

Wigan Boro v. Barrow.

Wrexham v. Accrington S.

York City v. Doncaster R.

### HOW RANGERS HAD BOB M'PHAIL.

Remarkable Transfer from Airdrie.

### EVERTON SIDE-STEPPED.

The procedure adopted in arranging the transfer of Bob M'Phail, of Airdrie, to Rangers in April, 1927 was unique.

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Many of the big clubs, including Aston Villa, Everton, Arsenal, and Huddersfield Town, were in the market.

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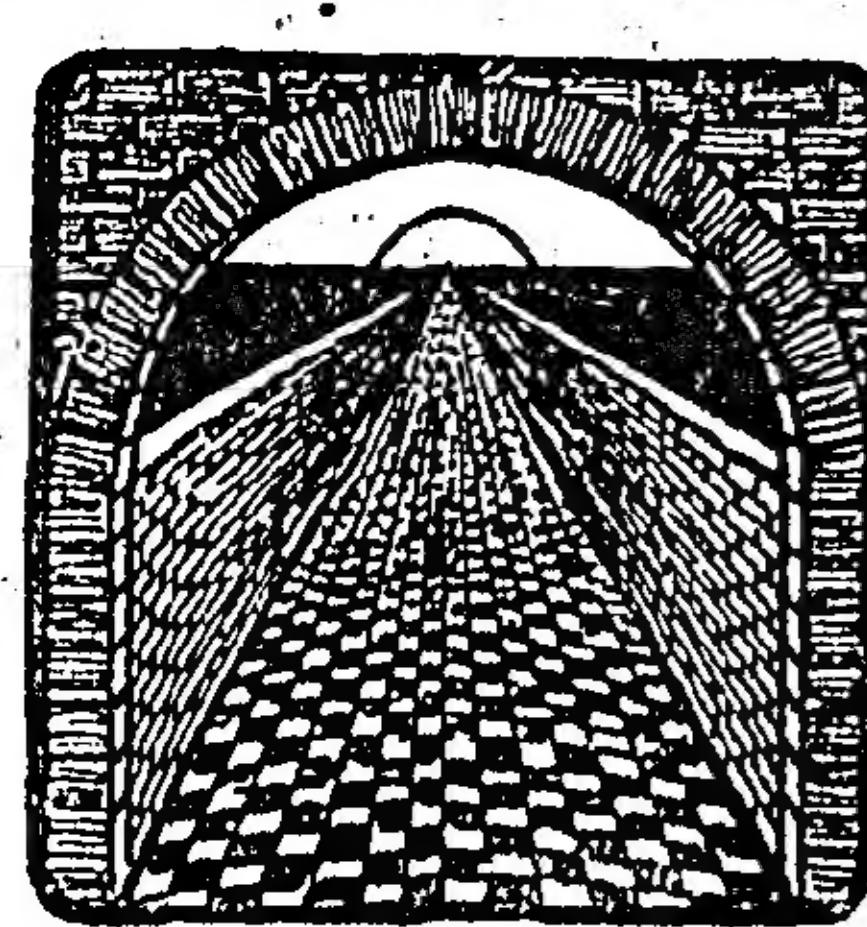
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## EASIER GOLF

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SET THE LEFT HIP — AND MAKE SURE OF YOUR SHOT.

### KNEE ACTION.

When a golfer finds that his game lacks sting—when no particular shot is failing, but when no club is giving the effects that it should—he is apt to say that he isn't "connecting with the ball."

This is a malady often more easily remedied than at first seems possible.

A golfer whose skill with his mashie has deserted him, or whose iron shots lack direction, or who is hooking his drives—a golfer, in fact, whose game is suffering in one marked direction—may have to look into a dozen details of grip, stance, wrist movement and pivot, to find out why one shot should be failing him while the others are up to par.

#### Hitting Too Soon.

When the failures are evenly distributed over every club in the bag, there is usually only one answer—hitting too soon.

A tip I have given to golfers, and one that has produced immediate effect, is to set the left hip in position and keep it there. Sliced shots, and shots that are pushed out, are caused by attempting to bring in the body too soon, or, in the modern phrase, by failing to hit against the resistance of the left hip.

"Topped" shots are seldom, as in the general belief, caused by brushing the club over the top of the ball.

More often the club head gets well down below the ball and brushes up behind it, resulting in a half-hit shot to which tremendous forward spin has been added, forcing the ball down.

#### Head Up.

This is caused by pulling away from the ball, or falling back—for which the movement of the left hip may be primarily responsible, since if your left knee and left hip are set in hitting position, you can hardly draw your hands in or fall away from the ball.

"Head up" is given as the cause of many golfing errors.

So it is, but if the pivot is wrong the golfer's head will be forced up by the faulty action of his shoulder. "Head-up," so far from being the cause of a duffed shot, may be just as much a symptom of some other fault as the missed shot itself.

Hitting the ground behind the ball may be caused by dropping the shoulder.

Occasionally a player may actually swing round as he comes down on the ball, and so hit it

directly out to the left—a fault very different from the hook of the advanced golfer, which is usually caused by "hitting from the inside out."

#### The Left Hip.

Most of the faults of pivoting, and of "loppiness" in the shot, are remedied by setting the left hip in position.

I have given it as my opinion before, and I will repeat it now, that the first movement of the swing is not with the hands or the clubhead, but with the left knee. And the first movement of the left knee is not in the direction of the right knee, but in the direction of the ball. The player, to begin his swing, should bend his knee almost forward, as though he intended to lean over the ball.

While he is addressing the ball, his weight, though distributed, will be felt by a pressure on the right heel.

The movement of the left knee, shifting the weight forward a little, gives the left hip a natural start to its pivoting movement.

As the hip comes further round, the left knee takes its usual course towards the right knee.

#### The Weight Behind.

At the top of the swing, the weight is not nearly so completely back on the right foot as many players believe that it should be—and many professionals have taught. If anything, the weight is evenly distributed, but the best effect is that of having the weight on the right foot whilst leaning against the firm left side of the body.

The firm left side of the body, with the left hip set in position, is real base of the swing.

It is your guard against getting the body in too soon, against falling back, against swaying, "head up" and many of the other common faults that may mar the shot. (China Mail Copyright.)

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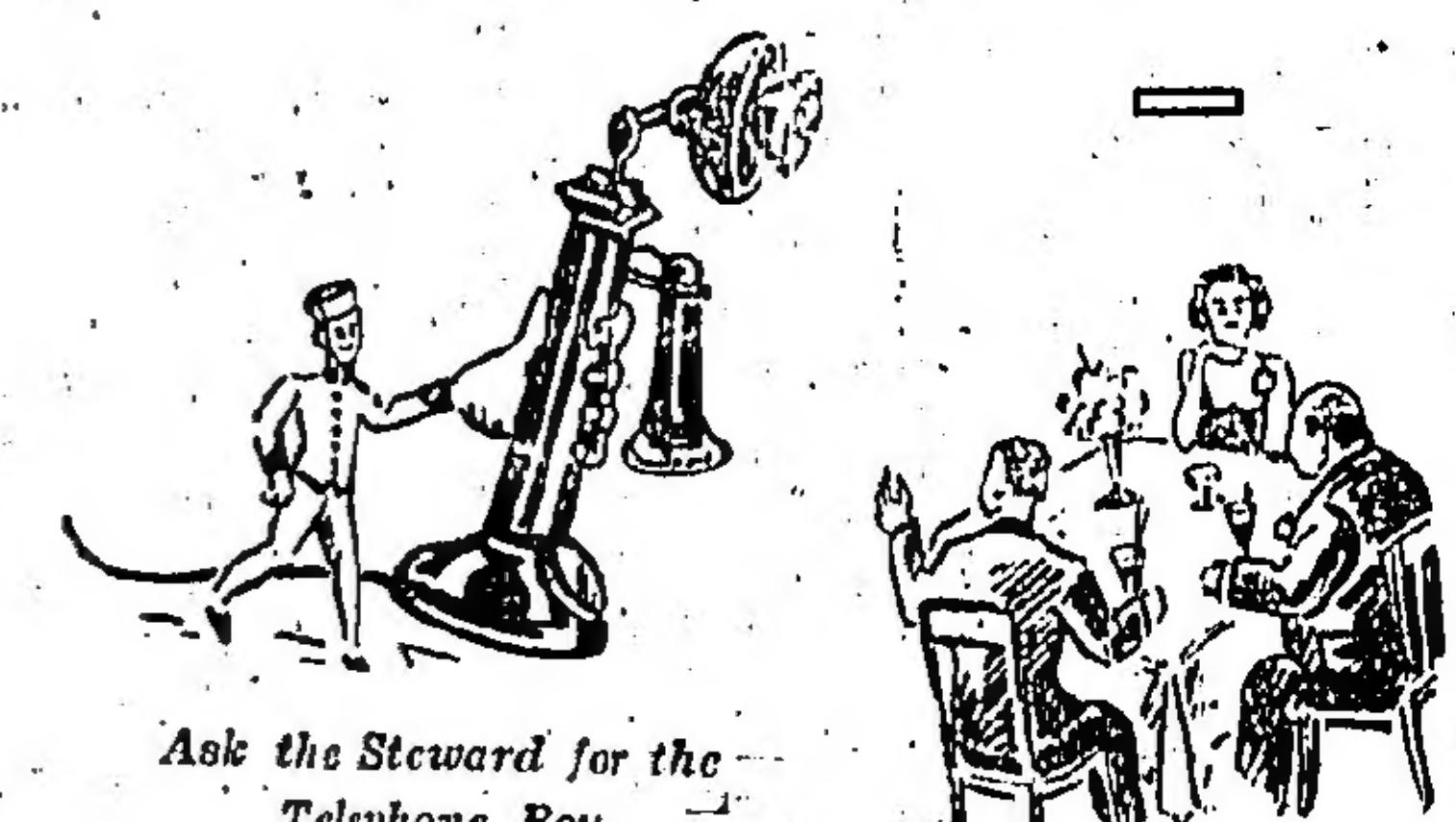
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## ABORIGINE FAST BOWLER.

Seven Years' Practice  
to Dismiss Bradman.

### MAY TOUR ENGLAND.

A dark-skinned bowler, whose magic with the ball sprung from his skill as a child with a boomerang, achieved the feat of getting Don Bradman out for a duck, caught at the wicket, in the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and Queensland.

The bowler was the much-discussed Australian aboriginal, Eddie Gilbert, who bowls "kicker" with such venom in them that some players have refused to play against him. Allegations as to the legality of his action have been made, but slow-motion pictures, specially taken to disprove these allegations show that, except for a very slight bend of the elbow, his delivery is unquestionably orthodox.

Observers have marvelled at the tremendous pace of the pitch that this aboriginal gets from an action which is no more violent than that of a slow bowler.

It has been said that a ball bowled by him cannot be seen from the stands after it leaves the pitch. Yet he walks only a few steps to make his delivery.

Gilbert, a pure-blooded aboriginal, was born in 1908, but did not start cricket until he was fifteen.

He then found that his skill in throwing the boomerang and in killing birds and rabbits with missiles at long range could be turned to good account with the cricket ball. So he practised quietly, and it had taken him seven years to bring his bowling to the pitch he has attained today.

Australians are wondering whether this great natural cricketer will reach the climax of his career by bowling for them against England on the historic turf of Lord's. He would not be the first aboriginal to tour England, as an aboriginal team from Australia toured England sixty years ago. Four aborigines have played in Australian first-class cricket.

## Our Sports Diary.

### LOCAL

HUNTING — To-day — Fanling Hunt Meet (Anandale). at 2.45 p.m.

GOLF — To-day and To-morrow — R.H.K.G.C. Christmas Meeting. To-morrow—Competition of 1st Round of Kowloon Golf Club Junior Championships.

FOOTBALL — To-day — Sunday Herald Cup—Wales v. Portugal on Club ground; Chinese League

—Chinese Athletic "B" v. Yes Woo; South China "A" v. South China "B"; Chinese Athletic "A" v. Sung Ching.

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## R.M.N. TISDALL BOUND FOR INDIA.

Appointed A.D.C. to a  
Maharajah.

### INDIAN HOPES.

It is interesting to note that R. M. N. Tisdall, the ex-CUAC President, and probably the finest athlete Oxford or Cambridge has yet produced, has been appointed a special A.D.C. to the Maharajah of Baroda, with whom he will, probably leave shortly, for India.

The Indian Empire is taking a keen interest in athletics generally and in the Olympic Games in particular, and Tisdall's residence in India may well have much to do with the fortunes of India's Olympic team at Los Angeles.

MR. SHERIFF'S £3 A WORD.

"Journey's End" Profits.

Mr. R. C. Sheriff, in an address to L.C.C. teachers at Birkbeck College revealed the fact that his profits from "Journey's End" had been about £3 per word written in the play.

On the other hand, "Badger's Green" had only been worth £1 a week to him. Yet the latter play had been written especially to please the public and the former without any such intention.

He was of the opinion, he said, that there should be no such thing as a professional playwright. The amateur who had another occupation was far more in touch with character material on which to base his plays and far more likely to make a success.

MAN WITHOUT NATIVE  
COUNTRY.

Najib Saab Aboud, whose native country has gone out of official existence, was released by the American Immigration authorities because they could find no place to which he might be deported.

Aboud was born in that part of Syria which became non-existent under the Lausanne Treaty and is now a French dependency. Natives of the region were given two years to swear allegiance to France, Aboud never took the oath, having been a resident of the United States since 1911.

Several years ago he was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for violation of the national bankruptcy act. It was learned then that he had not become naturalized and had visited his native land only a year before.

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## The China Mail

Hong Kong, Saturday, Dec. 26, 1931.

## Laughter.

"I cannot say whether we had more wit amongst us now than usual, but I am certain we had more laughing, which answered the end as well."

So is it written in Goldsmith's "The Vicar of Wakefield." So also may many of us to-day write in similar strain. There has been, and there is yet, much laughter in the Colony: And how good a thing it has been to hear! The laughter of children, of young men and women, of old men and old women, have been heard in all parts of the Island Colony. And, surely, we are the better for it all. And, in spite of that satirist, William Congreve, who has told us that,

"There is nothing more unbecoming a man of quality than to laugh," let us not cease to laugh with the passing of this joyful season. Let us carry laughter along into the year ahead; let us laugh our several ways through life. It will help us to whether any depressing days that may be in store. Let us laugh and be not of the quality.

Let us be Dr. Judders and look upon the world as a "great practical joke, something too absurd to be considered seriously by any rational man."

Let us even emulate the "Laughing Philosopher," Democritos, who is said to have laughed or jeered at the feeble powers of man so wholly in the hands of fate, that nothing he did or said was uncontrolled.

The world is genuinely eager to smile, and from a smile to break into laughter. There is something pathetic about this genuine eagerness to which, for some reason or another, we do not permit ourselves to give free rein.

"Ever seen a crowd of people trying desperately to laugh at a

street scene that wasn't funny at all; or smiling over comic strips that depicted some form of human discomfort?" asks a writer. And adds, "Look at the way they jump outside the moving picture theatres if somebody like Harold Lloyd or Charlie Chaplin happened to be the attraction! They stand in line almost as if they had brought with them under their overcoats, or in their handbags, little bundles of laughter which they were pathetically eager to offer up.

One little tickle from a backward kick of Chaplin, or the owliness of Lloyd, and they pour the precious fluid of laughter at the feet of their comedians."

Yes, there is a genuine desire for laughter and yet more laughter, but we will not laugh; at any rate, we do not laugh as much as we ought to laugh. Let us laugh — a laugh a day to keep the doctor away. Let us laugh — that the world may laugh with us. Let us "Laugh with a vast and inextinguishable laughter," as Shelley advised.

"You hear that boy laughing?

"—You think he's all fun; But the angels laugh, too, at the good he has done;

The children laugh loud as they troop at his call;

And the poor man that knows him laughs loudest of all."

Now is the season for resolutions. What about a resolution to laugh at least once a day in the New Year?

## From Other Pens.

Wilde's Viva.

One of the best Oxford stories of the Viva for "Olivers," now about to be abolished, used to be told of Oscar Wilde, when an undergraduate at Magdalen. He was asked to take a Greek Testament and translate the passage in the Acts dealing with St. Paul's shipwreck.

Wilde sailed along fluently enough, though with sufficient hesitation to create some suspicion of previous unfamiliarity with the text. After a few verses, the examiner stopped him with the remark, "Thank you, Mr. Wilde; that will do."

"Pray excuse me," said Wilde, politely, "while I glance at the end of the chapter. I am so curious to know whether the good man escaped."

Another rather shorter experience of the same Viva happened to a friend of mine.

The examiner placed the tips of his fingers together and said blandly: "Can you tell us anything about the Parable of the Sower?"

"My friend could, and began with alacrity: "A Sower went forth—'Thank you,'" beamed the examiner. "We, too, know the rest." —Peterborough in The Daily Telegraph.

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Lotteries and Employment.

The Irish sweepstakes have been far-reaching in this economic effect. Not only have they enabled the Irish people to re-equip their hospitals, thus providing employment for doctors, nurses, builders, and manufacturers of surgical instruments. They have also been responsible for the creation of a sweepstakes secretariat, which is as large as a Government Department and which presumably will be permanent. They have also been responsible for the withdrawal of several millions of English money out of this country for the benefit of Irish trade and Irish institutions. This, too, at a time when our own hospitals are hardly able to keep their heads above water and when even our children's hospitals are shrieking for money.

Truly, in our inconsistencies we are a wonderful nation.—Londoner in the Evening Standard.

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How Rummy Works.

Behind the publication of an authorised history of the Bank of England lies a piquant little story illustrative of the grip Mr. Montagu Norman has on the public imagination.

Some days ago the... whisper went round that Mr. Norman had written a volume of reminiscences—it was frank, it was sensational; the "mystery man" of finance had told all.

I made inquiries in the right quarter, therefore, and discovered that all he had done was to write a 200-word introduction to the new history of the Bank.

Rumour, "passing it down," quickly, accomplished the rest!

—Peterborough in The Daily Telegraph.

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News in Brief.

Yesterday's lowest open air temperature was 55 degrees up to 4 p.m. The humidity rose from 53 at 10 a.m. to 64 at 4 p.m.

New scales of charges for radiological, bacteriological, and analytical examinations are published in the Government Gazette.

It is notified that His Excellency the Governor in Council has appointed Saturday, January 2, to be observed as a general holiday.

Mr. S. Randal, living at 86 Nathan Road, top floor, has reported to the Police the loss of clothing, worth \$100, from his house. The theft is believed to have occurred on Christmas Eve.

The President and Committee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following donation to the funds of the Home:—H.M.S. Cumberland (Ship's fund), \$100.

Whilst engaged in linewashing at 53 Pokfulam Road, Ho Hing (60), of Yu Lok Lane, had the misfortune to fall from a height of 25 feet. He fractured his right thigh, and cut his head. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Miss Tarrant, residing at Repulse Bay Hotel, reports that at about 2.40 a.m. on Christmas Day, while travelling in a motor boat belonging to the George Byng Motor Boat Co., she lost a brown leather handbag containing a \$50 bond for the Sincere Co., \$40 in Hong Kong currency, and a rosary. The latter is of great intrinsic value to the owner.

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Personal Par.

It is notified that Mr. Philip Jacks resumed duty as Land Officer on December 19.

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RIDDLES.

Why are so few horses needed in the Isle of Wight?  
Because visitors prefer Cows to Ryde.

Where should the E's in "Persevere" live?

In Ceylon, because they are Cingalans (single E's).

Why is a clever architect like a popular actor?

Because he draws good houses.

What precious stone is found in most English fields?

Agate (a gat).

## THAT LAST - MOMENT SHOPPING!

## A REMINDER OF LAST THURSDAY IN THE COLONY.

It was Christmas Eve, and Janice with a bright smile, but a weary sigh, threw herself into a chair and begged for a chota peg.

"Everything's ready," she said, as her husband handed her the needed beverage.

"And all my money spent, I suppose," said Jim gloomily.

"No, darling. I've managed beautifully this year. Cheer up, and don't be a wet blanket. Everybody has been remembered and I've only spent the money we budgeted for presents."

"That's splendid," said Jim, brightening up and helping himself to another peg. For five minutes he was, and then, "Oh!" from Janice.

"What's the matter?" said Jim. "I've just remembered the Lester's baby. You know, they sent Moira a lovely Teddy-bear last year and we forgot their baby completely."

"Well," said Jim stoically. "I suppose you want me to get out of the budget," he remarked.

Janice wasn't listening. She had made another discovery.

"Look, Jim darling," she cried. "There is just the very thing for you—a silk dressing-gown! How much is it?"

"Forty dollars, madam."

"Darling, it is cheap," cried the affectionate wife. "I'll give it to you for Christmas," she added generously, but Jim caught her firmly by the arm and piloted her back to the car. "No you don't," he said grimly. "I can't afford it."

Janice still smiled happily. "Christmas comes but once a year," she said.

"That's no reason why we should spend all the money we haven't got," reminded Jim.

The cosy evening had gone, much money had gone, and most of the whisky.

"And people wonder why men take to drink," said Jim as he emptied the decanter.—B.O.

## AT THE AQUARIUM.

## Stranger Interesting Creatures.

## MANY NEW EXHIBITS.

Those who have been to the Aquarium only once and think that they have seen everything are very much mistaken, for the Aquarium is constantly changing its exhibits, and has as many strange and interesting creatures held in reserve that it is safe to say that with changes of two or three exhibits per week, it would still be possible to have something new for months to come.

The very latest exhibits at the Aquarium are two very playful black bear cubs which arrived at 11.30 p.m. on Wednesday. They are now housed in the enclosure formerly occupied by the leopard cub. These two Teddies, which are only eight months old, came from the interior about 25 miles beyond Wuchow, and with their pranks they rival the monkeys as the centre of attraction.

Poisonous Sea Snake.

Other recent new exhibits are a blue Kingfisher; a poisonous sea snake which only eats fish, which have no swimming bladder; bamboo snakes; two large and two small pythons, one of the large ones being as much as eight yards long; a large radiata turtle, a native of Madagas-

## To-day's Thought.

The only argument some people advance for wanting more is that others are getting more than their share.

## Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of December 26, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7½.

The collections at St. John's Cathedral on Christmas Day were on behalf of the fund for the new Diocesan Boys' School. The Appeal Committee have already received or have been promised a sum of \$39,000 for buildings and \$11,000 for endowment. In addition certain business houses are giving annual donations toward the new school instead of large capital sums.

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## SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

In the four days that have elapsed on the crossing of the Transatlantic Monty Greer, debonair gambler, has clashed with Handsome and his gang, because he suspects they are trying to rob Henry Graham, banker, of a large amount of securities.

In a tense encounter Monty has been found in the stateroom of Sigrid Carlene, Graham's mistress, and Graham casts her aside.

News come that Graham's bank has failed, and Rudolph Kramer, whose life savings are at stake, has been found by Monty in Graham's room with a gun. Graham lies slumped over his desk.

In a swift effort to protect Kramer because he sympathises with him and his daughter, Judy, Monty pushes Kramer out and puts the gun in Graham's hand to make it appear a suicide attempt. He encounters Sigrid in a corridor. She tells the Captain.

After an investigation the Captain confines Kramer and Monty in the brig. A friendly steward gets a key to Monty. He forces information from a member of Handsome's gang, and, while searching for the securities that have been stolen from Graham, has a shooting encounter in the engine room.

## Chapter VI.

Monty could not have been unconscious more than a fraction of a minute, for when he came to himself Handsome was still moving down the levels toward him.

He threw off his nervous paralysis with a strong will effort and then, standing himself against a rung of the iron ladder close to him, took a steady and exact aim at Handsome. Then he fired.

Handsome toppled to the platform and lay there motionless, his weapon slipping from his grasp. He was still some distance above Monty. The latter soon reached Handsome, taking the precaution when he stepped to the platform upon which Handsome lay to keep the gang leader covered with his automatic. But Handsome's eyes were closed and he was breathing heavily.

Monty seized the gangster in his arms and lifted him. He realised in a moment that this platform upon which they were was the level at which he had left the electric elevator. He placed Handsome on the elevator's floor.

At this moment some of the engineering force which had taken up the pursuit again now that the shooting appeared to be over reached the platform. One man in overalls attempted to seize Monty, but the latter was too quick for him. Monty eluded the clutch of the man in overalls though the engineer half dragged Monty from the elevator. The engineer Monty sent backward on the platform, with a strong push. Then he ran into the elevator, slammed the shaft door and started upward.

On the way up Handsome moaned and a moment later regained consciousness. Monty lifted the gangster's head from the floor and half supported his body.

"You win, Monty. Let me alone," gasped the wounded man. He appeared to Monty to be shot in the chest.

"Ah, you can still talk, can you?" said Monty.

"Yeah, I can talk." "Then—you'll talk plenty. You are in a bad way. You'll tell that you shot Graham. You'll tell that you robbed his cabin. You'll tell where you've got that stuff hidden.

"I'll tell everything."

"You're right—you'll tell everything. You won't leave out a single little thing."

In spite of the hour, Captain Courtney was holding a formal investigation into the escape of Monty from the brig. He had Kramer in for questioning but the latter prefeared to know nothing, or rather, to be exact, he refused to answer questions. But Robinson, who had once been a detective before becoming a petty officer aboard the Transatlantic, made a minute examination of the interior of the brig. He even used a magnifying glass to the amusement of members of the crew who were present.

It was only when he laid down his magnifying glass that he perceived the obvious. A raspberry pie lay on a stool. It had not been eaten, only a hole broken in its upper

crust. Put in both the bottom crust and the top were the sunken outlines of a key which plainly had been in the pie.

Thereupon the angry Captain summoned Hodgkins, who had taken meals to the two prisoners. "What do you mean by this?" demanded the captain.

Hodgkins professed the greatest innocence and made the Captain explain twice, before he admitted he grasped the situation. Then he grinned.

"Oh, my eye—accused by a pie," he chanted.

The laugh which greeted this sally, in spite of the gravity of both the Captain and the situation, had scarcely died out, when Monty, bearing in his arms the wounded Handsome, staggered into the room but moving as rapidly as possible.

Handsome he deposited on the floor before the captain.

"Here's the man you want, Captain," explained Monty. "He's badly wounded and he's going to die. So he wants to make a full and complete confession before he cashes in."

The Captain bent over Handsome, who had now been placed on a sofa. Close at hand were the stenographer, the notary; Kramer, Monty and other witnesses.

"Now, my man, what is it?" the Captain said gently to the gangster.

The other took as long a breath as his condition would permit and then said in gasping, jerky fashion:

"I robbed Graham of securities and cash. We thought that he was playing cards—bridge—but he returned when we were working in his cabin. I was startled—and I shot him. All that stuff in the engineering storage room—there are three packages, large ones, of securities and one of big bank notes. I haven't touched any of it yet. It is in the—store room—back of some cases—labelled 'main steam chest packing.' You'll find it all there—that is all."

Monty and Kramer, of course, were not required to return to the brig, though the Captain informed Monty that he would have to remain aboard until the authorities ashore

had taken some formal action over his shooting of Handsome. In all probability he would not be detained long, but his arm would have to be allowed to heal, no that the surgeon had cared for it, and Monty would be the better for a rest. The Captain made it clear that Monty was to be treated with every consideration.

"Stupid!" said the other in hearty agreement.

The eyes of Mrs. Graham and Monty met. They smiled.

"If they only knew!" she commented. Then she looked at his bandaged arm. "Well, I came to say good-bye. My husband has already gone to a private hospital in an ambulance. I am going to join him. I hope your arm is not troubling you."

"Not at all," said Monty, not realising that she must know how he had acquired his wound. It is nothing. I merely ran into an iron rod last night. Just a flesh wound. I'm afraid I shall have to remain on board until it heals—annoying but necessary."

"Why did you concern yourself about us? Through you we have become very happy."

"Do you remember Havana five years ago?"

"You were very kind."

"And you were very gracious."

A little later Kramer and Judy came to see him in the Captain's office.

"Good-bye, sir," said Kramer.

"I wish I could thank you."

"Don't you try," said Greer, "and don't worry about me. In a couple of days this wing of mine will be as good as new."

"Judy wanted to say good-bye to you," said Kramer, leaving the cabin as the girl came close to Greer.

"Well, Judy, the voyage is over."

"Yes," said the young girl, simply, wistfully.

"And now it's London, Paris, Berlin. What a wonderful adventure you have ahead of you," he went on cheerfully as though Judy were only a pleasant acquaintance.

There was a little pause and then the girl exclaimed:

"Oh, I wish you were coming along!"

Greer spoke sadly, but with mournful finality. He said:

"So do I. I'd love to see the world all over again through your eyes, but I'm afraid it's too late. Good-bye, Judy, dear."

"Good-bye."

Judy was through the door and out of sight in a moment but she turned back, came fully into the room and went close to Greer.

"You're the most wonderful man I've ever known," she said softly.

Then both her arms were about his neck. She kissed him full upon the lips. They clung together for a moment, and then Judy was gone.

A little later Hodgkins came into the cabin to find Monty staring

(Continued in next Column.)

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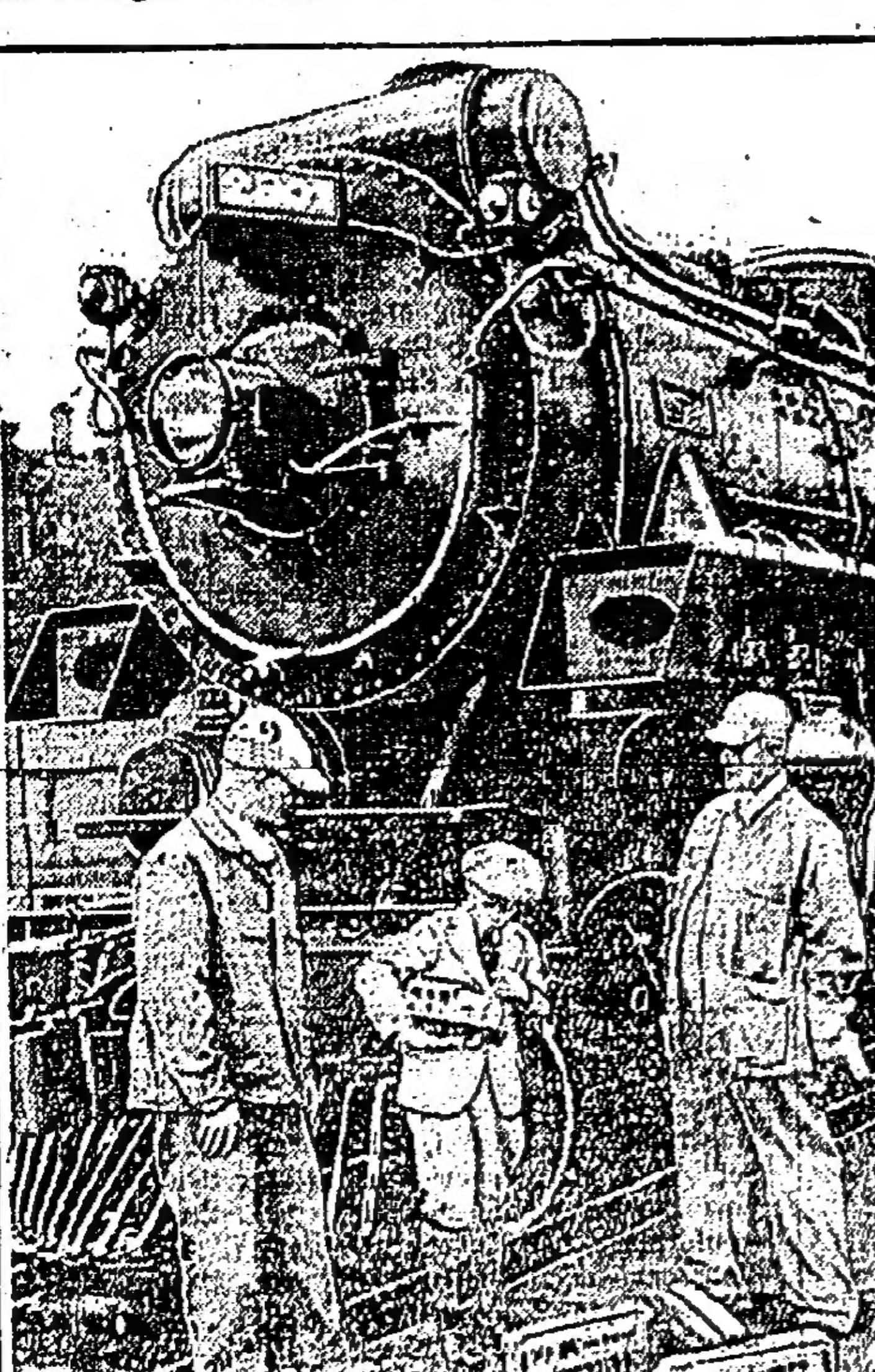
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generation on the footplate. What

an eloquent testimony of good

relations between the company and

its employees could be found!



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But Monty interrupted him.

"I know, I know, Hodgkins," he said. "A ship is like a little world.

You have the rough weather and the calm—the quiet seas—the sudden squalls—and the man who takes the bitter with the sweet is bound to have a happy crossing in the end."

"Right, sir," said Hodgkins.

"Right you are."

"Uh-huh," conceded Monty.

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"Queen High."

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Tsainan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Canton, buoy No. B15—B. & S.

Van Heutz, Dutch str., 2,748 tons, Capt. Blitz, from Singapore, buoy No. A7—J.C.J.L.

CLEARANCES.

Wednesday, Dec. 23. Akibasan Maru, for Miike, Antenor, for Singapore.

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Planorbis, for Singapore.

Porthos, for Saigon.

Prosper, for Saigon.

Sandviken, for Swatow.

Seistan, for Singapore.

Shinyo Maru, for Shanghai.

Szechuan, for Canton.

Terukuni Maru, for Shanghai.

Thelma, for Aomori.

Tjiloboe, for Batavia.

Tsainan, for Amoy.

Van Heutz, for Swatow.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The s.s. Cracovia sailed from Shanghai on Wednesday afternoon, and was due here this morning. She will sail for Singapore and Italy at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

The m.v. Col di Lana sailed from Bombay on December 21, and is expected here on January 11.

The s.s. Pilana sailed from Aden on December 22, and is expected here on January 12.

The B.L. s.s. Tiliwa will leave Amoy for this port on December 26, p.m., and is due here on December 27, p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan is due here from Manila at 6 a.m. on December 30 (Wednesday), and will berth at Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on January 2 (Saturday).

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INWARD MAIIS.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26. Shanghai and Swatow ..... Wangtung

Shanghai and Swatow ..... Foochow

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Nov. 27) ..... President Hayes

Manila ..... President Cleveland

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27. Europe via Nagapatanam (Letters and Papers, London, Nov. 28) ..... Malacca Maru

London (Parcels only, London, Nov. 19) ..... Eumaeus

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30. Japan ..... Nankin

Calcutta and Straits ..... Talmi

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1. Japan and Shanghai ..... Rawalpindi

U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, Dec. 12) ..... President Taft

OUTWARD MAIIS.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27. Bangkok via Swatow ..... Kwangchow ..... 8.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ..... Hozan Maru ..... 9 a.m.

DECEMBER 28. DECEMBER 29. Ka Ying ..... 1.30 p.m.

Hydrangea ..... 9 p.m.

Kwangtung ..... 8.30 p.m.

Amoy ..... 29. DECEMBER 29. Hsi Ning ..... 2 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Chip Shing ..... 5 p.m.

Holow and Bangkok ..... Tiliwa

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NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, M'seilles & London.
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RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, M'seilles & London.
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NALDERA	16,000	29th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	7,000	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moi, Kobe & Yokohama.
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## BETTER PRICES FOR SCRAPPED SHIPS.

### Industry Revival.

There are indications of a revival of the shipbreaking industry, a number of ships having been bought by the scrapers at better prices than ruled a few weeks ago. Perhaps the improvement is due to the anticipation that a duty may be levied on steel.

Things have been bad in the ship-breaking world recently, the price going down to under ten shillings per gross ton for passenger steamers, with expensive and generally saleable fittings, and often with hundreds of tons fuel left in their bunkers when they were laid up for the last time.

### Ships Laid Aside.

Even at that price buyers were scarce and several of the ships bought were laid aside to be dealt with in the future. Things are so bad that shipping men even talked of taking ships out to sea and scuttling them in deep water to save the costs of keeping them laid up, which were often very considerable.

The Dutch and Italian ship-breaking markets, which were usually good, failed almost entirely. The Japanese have been willing to give up to thirty shillings per ton for old ships, but the price includes the cost of delivery to Japan. This job is liable to run into such a sum that practically the only firms who can take advantage are those with a regular service to the East; who can make the ship pay at least part of this cost by taking out a last cargo.

The British export market was hard hit by the failure of German and Belgian demand, for exports usually absorbed a good deal of the shipbreakers' production, while considerable quantities continued to be imported from across the Atlantic.

Work for Unemployed.

Any revival of the home demand for scrap steel can be supplied by British shipbreakers, who are as efficient and experienced as any in the world. And there is unlimited material on which they can work at every port round the coast, for a considerable proportion of the shipping now laid up is never likely to go to sea again.

The shipbreaking industry employs a large proportion of unskilled labour working under a handful of specialists. There are several establishments on the banks of the Thames which have been idle recently but which are capable of employing many hundreds of men when work returns.

## HEAVY ARMAMENT.

### Guns of a New Model.

This message affords striking confirmation of my exclusive statement of September 9, to the effect that the French battle-cruiser programme, which had been held up in the Chamber of Deputies last June by a demand for more complete technical details, would be put forward again in November, says the Naval Correspondent of the Daily Telegraph.

I understand that the increase in the displacement of the projected French ship is due to the substitution of 13.4-inch guns for the 12-inch armament of the original design. The battle-cruiser, it is believed, will mount at least nine 13.4-inch guns of a new model, in triple turrets. A view of their phenomenal range and muzzle velocity, these weapons are practically equal to the British 15-inch guns.

Thus the first French battle-cruiser, besides representing a crushing reply to the German "pocket battleships," will be a match for almost any capital ship now afloat. Her construction, estimated to cost over £6,000,000, will mark the end of the battleship holiday.

This has now lasted nearly nine years, no warship of more than 10,000 tons having been built for any navy since the laying down of Nelson and Rodney in December, 1922.

Captain E. L. Trant was recently appointed to command the Majestic, which, until the gigantic new Cunarder is launched, will remain Britain's largest ship.

I saw a good deal of him at one time, says "Londoner." He was in command of the new Laurentic when I crossed in her on her maiden voyage to Canada, and, sitting at his table each night at dinner, I had the advantage of hearing many of his sea-going experiences and his funny stories, for, with a perfectly solemn face, he is an amusing raconteur.

Clean-shaven and bald, Captain Trant looks more like a doctor or barrister than a ship's captain. He is a fine seaman, and as an R.N.R. officer during the war he commanded a destroyer, photographs of which he displays to the privileged over a cigar in his cabin.

Captain Trant is a man of great charm and tact, and I have no doubt that he will be a success in his new command.

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Dr. Lafourcade, perhaps the greatest authority on Swinburne, is writing for us a life of the poet. He has already produced in French the first part of a mono-

ment "Life and Works"; also an edition, from unpublished manuscript, of Swinburne's "Hyperion and Other Poems," with a long introductory essay on Keats and Swinburne; and he has written the introduction to the Oxford Press facsimile of the first edition of "Atalanta."

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"Water Diviners and Their Methods," by Henri Mager. Translated from the French. Illustrated, 15s. net.]

Whilst in Britain water "divining" has had little attention from scientists of the first rank, with the exception of course of the late Sir William Barrett, in France its phenomena have been examined for some years past by many scientifically minded men, and numerous volumes have resulted. This book is a translation from the fourth edition of one of the most important of these and must be the most comprehensive and authoritative survey of the subject published in Britain since Sir William Barrett's monumental work "The Diving Rod."

A comparison of the different views on the subject, of that day and this, will show how the advance of modern science and the immense increase in our knowledge of the fundamental nature of things has indicated an entirely different approach to the study of dowsing—the scientific instead of the psychic.

M. Mager is well-known for his work on hydrology and geography,

and also for the part he has played in French colonial expansion. He has devoted many years to the elucidation of the phenomena of divining.

The book commences with an account of the methods used in the past of tracing subterranean water and of the men who practised them; full descriptions are given of the various instruments which have been used from the earliest recorded times. The author advances an explanation, based simply on physical properties of matter, of the principles which are at the root of the phenomena.

Finally, and this perhaps is the most important part of the book, M. Mager describes his own method of water location and analysis showing how the properties of water, its volume, depth, chemical composition and radioactivity can be determined before the water has been seen at all.

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"A Picture Book of British Art" will be welcomed by those who like to be classified as "men in the street" as something fresh both in scope and in treatment, as well as by those engaged in teaching or learning—to whom a survey of this kind should prove of the greatest value and interest. And moreover it should help young people of this generation to appreciate works of art in general and those of their own country in particular.



## PRINCESSES OF THE PAST.

## Alexandra of Denmark.

Alexandra was born on the first of December, 1844. She was the eldest daughter of the Prince and Princess Christian, who afterwards became King and Queen of Denmark.

Even as a small child, Alexandra disliked ugly things, — perhaps because she was so very beautiful herself. Ugly dresses were specially distasteful to her. Once she had asked her mother if she could have one really pretty frock, and Princess Christian replied that she might if she made it herself. So Alexandra thought the matter over seriously, and determined to make her own clothes, which she did with such success that her sisters followed her example.

Alexandra's parents were so poor that for several years they were obliged to educate their children themselves, but Alix, as she was called, disliked her lessons, and much preferred sewing. As she had no money with which to buy Christmas presents for her family she made all the gifts herself, and year after year, as Christmas came round her poor little fingers were so covered with needle pricks that they hurt her. She grew into such a lovely, sweet, kind girl that few



Alix of Denmark.

ents they always asked Alix to do it for them.

In the Summer they all lived in the country, which Alix, who

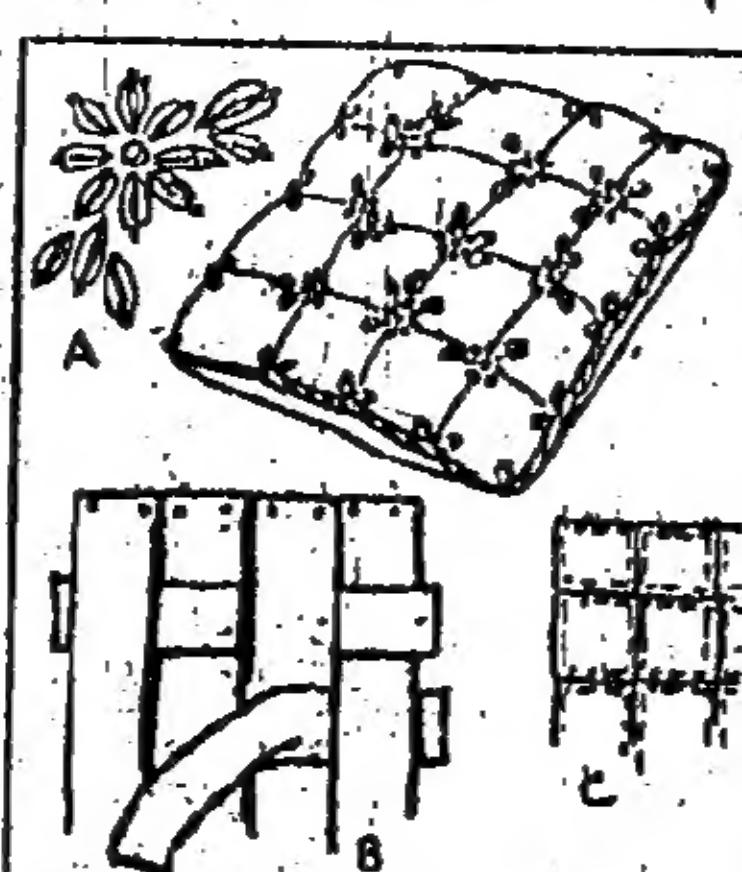
them, one by one, under and over the first four pieces, as shown in Diagram B. Tack each cross-way strip in position, as shown in Diagram C. Remove from the board, and work the embroidery.

Diagram A shows how this goes. You work a wee posy on each of the places where the braids cross, so there will be nine little bits of embroidery on the cushion. Work daisies in the various coloured wools, giving them black centres and green lazy-daisy leaves. You can pencil round a penny to get the outline for each flower, and eight or nine lazy-daisy stitches round a little satin-stitch centre will give you a pretty blossom. There are two lazy-daisy leaves at each end of the braids, as you will see by the picture.

Sew the finished top on three sides to the casement-cloth back — this will look neatest in orange — and then stuff a little plain

pillow inside. Sew up the remaining side, stitch an orange or green cord all round, and the cushion is finished.

Wendy's Dressmaker.



Someone will be very pleased if you make this pretty cushion to give as a Christmas present. Dressmaker tells you how to set about it.

On another piece of cardboard, mark out the station building to the sizes given in diagram F. After cutting it to shape, cut half through on the dotted lines and bend the ends at right angles.

Cut out a piece for the back, the same size as the front of the building, and glue it in place.

For the roof, cut a piece seven inches by five, mark a line down

## THE LEGEND OF DRYOPE.

Dryope was a king's daughter, a strange little maid who preferred to wander in the woods rather than to dance at her father's court. She was very timid, and she used to stand quite still under the trees and think how beautiful they were. The trees loved her, and after a time the Dryades, who were the spirits of the trees, came out of the dark trunks and made friends with Dryope.

Dryope played very happily with the Dryades, and, as she grew older, she liked them better than any of the ordinary people. Then one day the sun god, Apollo, looked down as he was driving his golden chariot across the sky, and wondered who this very lovely mortal could be. He soon found out, and then he played a trick on the beautiful Dryope.

He changed himself into a tortoise, and went walking under the trees. When Dryope saw the tortoise she was very pleased. She called the Dryades, and they all sat down on the grass, and Dryope took the tortoise on to her lap and said she would keep it as a pet.

Whilst they were playing with the tortoise, it suddenly turned into a snake. The Dryades screamed with fright and vanished into the trees, leaving poor Dryope alone with the dreadful creature on her lap. This was exactly what Apollo wanted, and as Dryope was too terrified to call for help, he changed himself back into the sun god and carried the lovely maiden to the skies. There he put her in his golden chariot and showed her many beautiful things, but she was still very frightened.

Then the Dryades came softly, took Dryope away from the burning chariot of the sun while Apollo was asleep, and changed her into a poplar tree.

And that is how the straight, still poplar trees came to earth.

## TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

The word beside last week's puzzle was "of," and the R numerals was X (ten). The two together made the word "of" which we hid in the puzzle. Full solution:

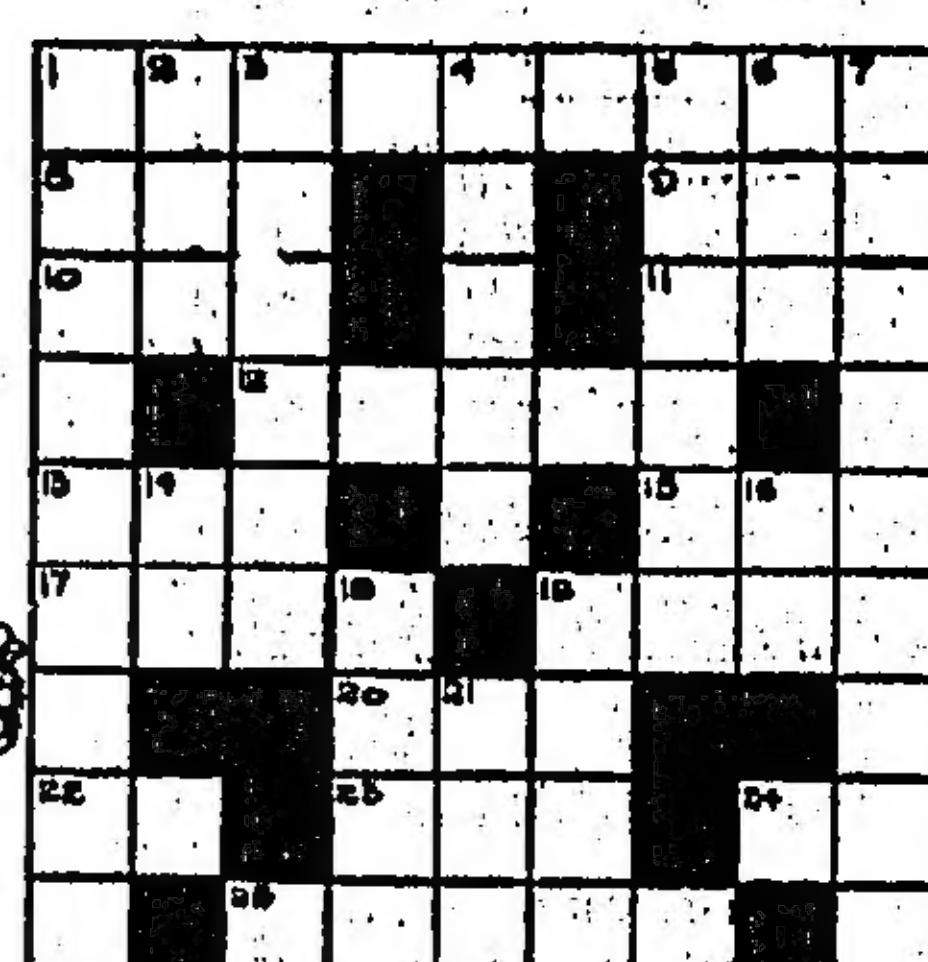
## Across.

1. Bird ..... (Starling).
2. Slow, under-hand ball in cricket (Lob).
3. Meaning "new" or "modern" (Neo).
4. Hidden word ..... (Often).
5. Walk in concealed manner ..... (Strut).
6. Musical note ..... (Si).
7. One ..... (An).
8. Exclamation ..... (Hi).
9. Gave (his or her) word ..... (Promised).
10. Remainder ..... (Rest).

## Down.

1. Not quick ..... (Slow).
2. Preposition ..... (To).
3. A monk ..... (Abbot).
4. A creek or bay ..... (Inlet).
5. Compass point ..... (NE).
6. Obtained ..... (Got).
7. Border of picture, etc. ..... (Frame).
8. Country in North Africa ..... (Tunis).
9. Title ..... (Siz).
10. Conceal ..... (Hide).
11. Pry ..... (Spy).
12. Pronoun ..... (He).
13. Conjunction ..... (Or).
14. Thoroughfare (abbreviated) ..... (St.).

Now you see a letter and a pile — think of another name for pile, add it on to the letter C, and you will have the word we have hidden this week.



What English word did this suggest to you?

## Clues:

1. Disentangles.
2. Follows neither.
3. Large animal of the deer family.
4. Girl's name.
5. French for "friend."
6. Hidden word.
7. Used with a pen.
8. Kind of fairy.
9. Largest amount.
10. False god.
11. What you hear with.
12. Pronoun.
13. Fuss.
14. Within.
15. Lazy person.
16. All of one mind.
17. Incline the head.
18. Traces.
19. Unusual.
20. Sprang.
21. Tree.
22. A miser.
23. Behold.
24. You shed this when you cry.
25. Metal.
26. Same as 23 across.

## OUR SWEET MAKING CORNER.

## Butter Chocolate Kisses.

Put a piece of butter the size of a small egg into a basin, two good tablespoonsfuls of sweetened cocoa, and two of fine sugar. Mix these ingredients with a wooden spoon, and more icing sugar till the whole is a nice smooth cream which keeps well together and can be handled. Sprinkle a board with fine desiccated coconut, cut the cream in pieces, and roll each piece in coconut, covering it quite thickly.

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I want to become a member of the "Tinker Bell Club," and I promise to do one kind action every day. Please send me a "Tinker Bell" enrolment card.

Name .....

Address .....

Age .....

Date of Birth .....

Cut this out, and send it to Tinker Bell, c/o The Editor, China Mail.

The Hut Carpenter.

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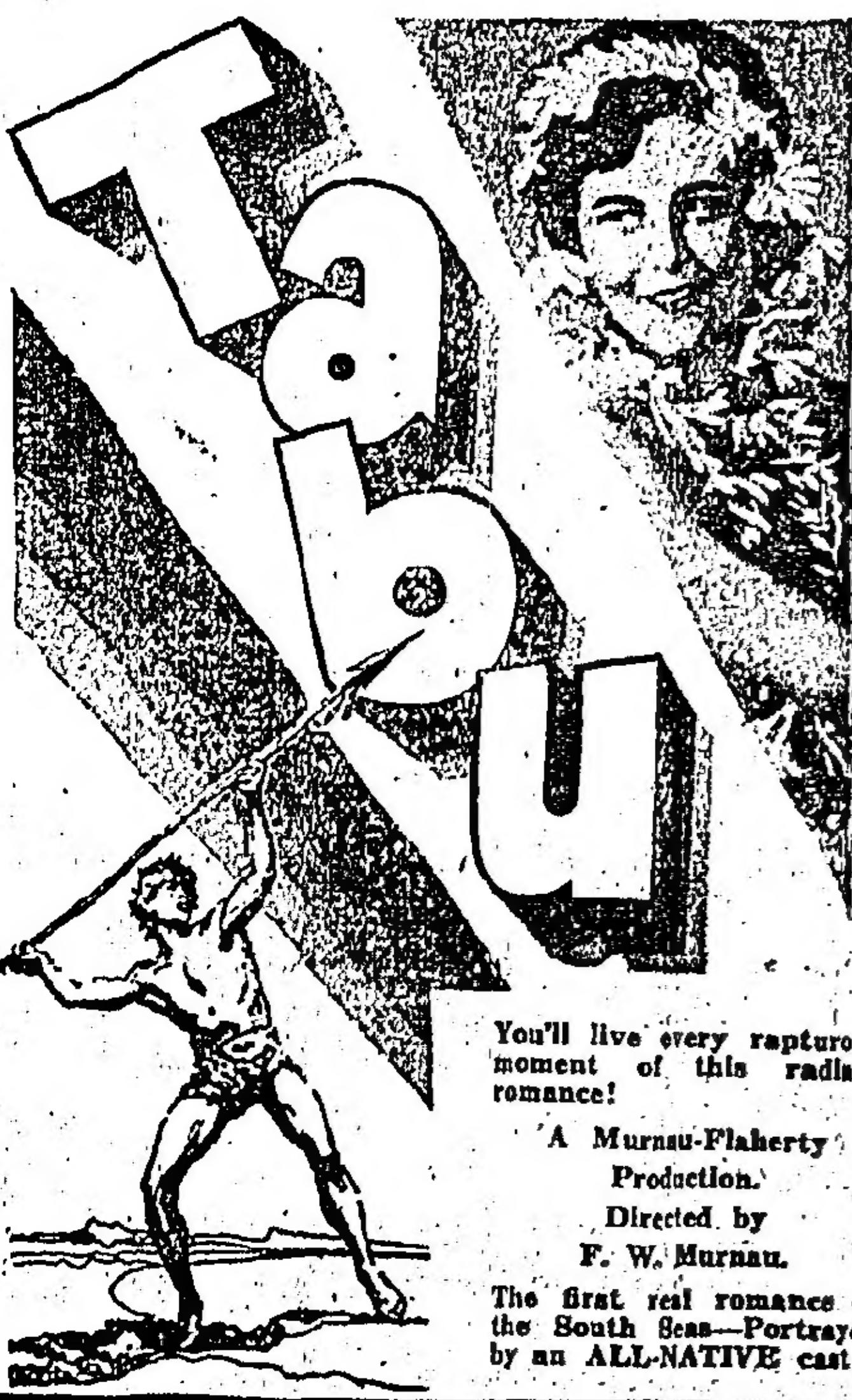
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2. Exclude daylight with partitions and window shades. Arrange artificial light so that workers at desks will always be in their own shadow.
3. If in a factory, place the accounting department immediately over a boiler shop, near plant whistle signal, riveting machines and trip-hammers.
4. Fix office telephones close to auditors' desks so that people using them can shout down the accountants when calling over postings, etc.
5. Have a few typewriters, billing machines and addressographs hammering incessantly within hearing of auditors.
6. Arrange broken swivel or tip-up chairs for accountants either too high or too low for the desk. Chair legs, of unequal lengths, should emit squeaks when the occupant moves, breathes, speaks or clears throat.

### ARE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DOOMED.

#### Effect of High Fees and Increased Taxation.

##### DEAN INGE'S FEARS.

The Rev. Dean Inge, speaking at the prize giving at Whitgift School, Croydon, said that he did not see how the great public schools could survive for more than one generation more because of their necessarily very high fees, the families which used to support them being taxed out of existence.

Dr. Cyril Norwood, the headmaster of Harrow School, on the other hand, maintained that public schools would continue though probably on a somewhat modified system. Some would probably receive state aid and be more absorbed into the State system.

Parents' Requests for Reduced Fees  
Many parents have written to the headmasters of their sons' schools asking whether in view of the present economic crisis it will be possible to reduce their fees.

The governors of Eton College at a recent meeting have decided that such a step is impossible but they have recommended that extra charges should be reduced wherever possible.

The governors at Marlborough College came to a similar conclusion but at a private meeting of the staff it was decided that the masters should if possible give a certain proportion of their salaries to the formation of a fund from which contributions would be made to the parents of those boys who would otherwise have to leave the school.

A letter was written to Messrs. Gabbitts Thring and Co., the scholastic agents, asking them whether they had heard of any schools who had definitely decided to reduce their fees.

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### NEW POEM BY MR. MASEFIELD.

#### Ode to Cathedral Tower Compass.

Centuries-old pageantry was revived in Liverpool's half-shattered Cathedral, when Canon F. W. Dwyer was installed as the cathedral's first Dean.

The vergers were clad in fourth-century vestments, and a special ode to the cathedral by Mr. John Masefield, the Poet-Laureate, was sung.

This poem, which had been kept a secret for the service, was as follows:

They buried Him, and then the  
soldiers slept;  
The city feasted; and the feasters  
told  
How all the crucifying had been  
done

But before dawn the heavy stone  
unrolled.

The grave clothes fell, the Living  
Form out-stepped.  
Man's many-millioned darkness  
knew the Sun.

We are all buried deep. Arise!  
Arise!  
In us, of Living Form, out of its  
hate,  
This greed, this night, this starv-  
ing in the stone.

Roll back, the self-shut boulders  
of our fate  
That we might know our power  
and be wise,  
In the light for ever about us  
truly known.

Mr. Masefield, at a banquet which followed the service, said that all cathedrals should be made conspicuous by their towers or spires. He suggested that windvanes telling the wind and great bells telling the hours, to mark the launching of a ship or the arrival of a ship, should be placed in the tower of Liverpool Cathedral.

"And in this city," he declared, "I would have the tower such that mariners, who are the life of the city, could adjust their compasses by it and see the storm signals and time signals on it so that it should be their tower pre-eminently."

### THE SOFT-HEARTED BANDITS.

When two armed men entered the bakery shop of Herr Haesler, in Strausberg, and, pointing their revolvers at him, demanded the contents of his till, Herr Haesler pleaded that he was a poor man with four children and was experiencing as much difficulty as themselves in making ends meet in these hard times.

The bandits were so touched that they pocketed their revolvers, shook Herr Haesler warmly by the hand, wished him better luck, and took their departure, leaving the till untouched.

In reply they said that the principals of a number of schools had written to tell them that they were prepared to accept a reduced fee in suitable cases, but that as far as they knew very few school principals had officially made a reduction in their fees. Most of them, however, were doing their best to keep the extras as low as possible so that the school fees should be almost inclusive.

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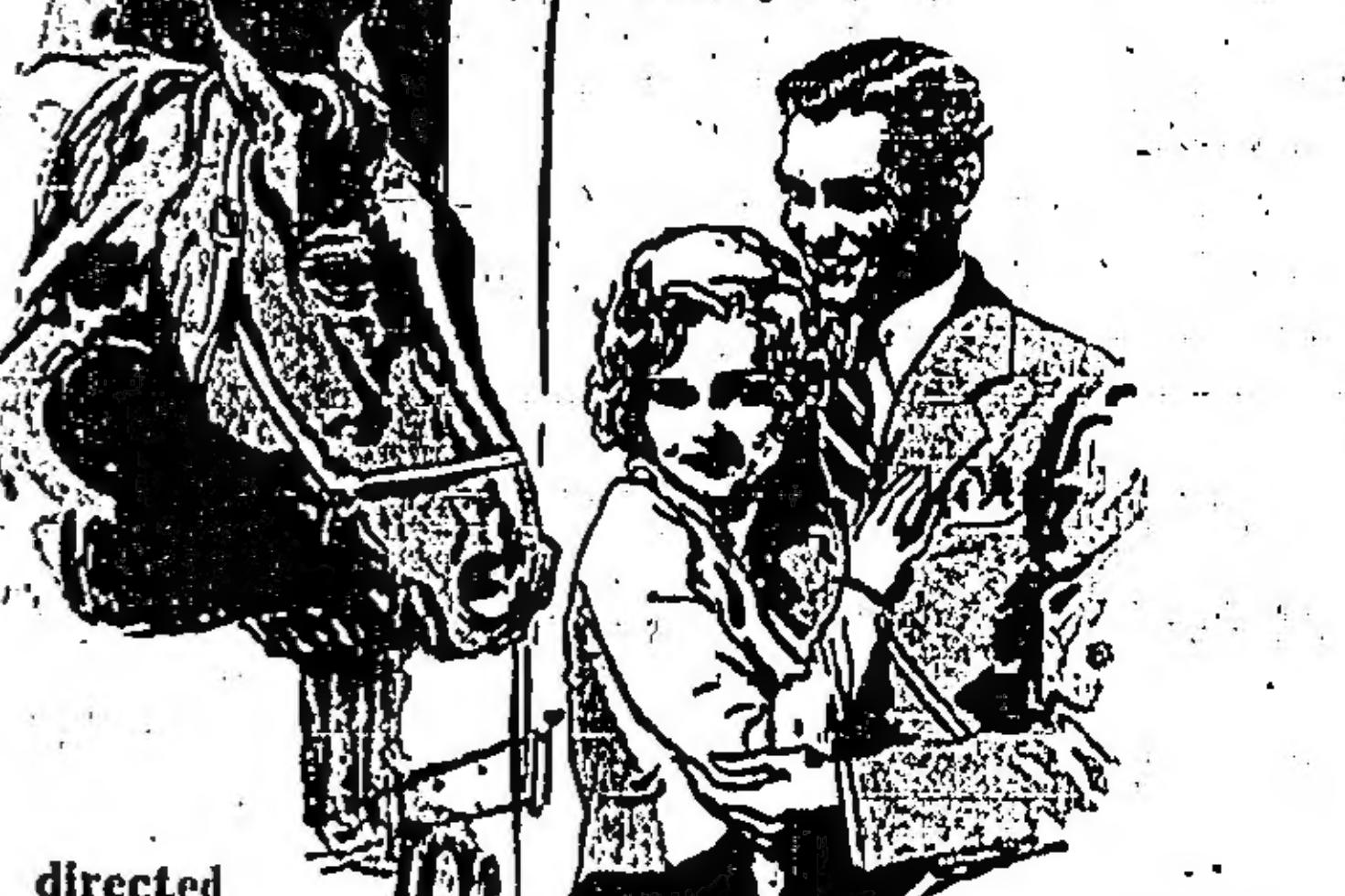
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